

In re Application of: SKLAR et al.  
 Application No. 09/803,739  
 Filed: March 12, 2001  
 For: DEVICES AND HOUSINGS FOR TEST SAMPLE PREPARATION



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Sir:

Small entity status is claimed for this application under 37 CFR 1.27.

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 27, 2004, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.